

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A head-protecting airbag comprising:
a primary chamber; and
a secondary chamber;
wherein the primary chamber is separated from the secondary chamber by a separation
~~an air-permeable panel,~~
wherein the separation panel includes a first surface area exposed to the primary
chamber and a second surface area exposed to the secondary chamber,
wherein the separation panel is configured to permit air to enter the entire first surface
area from the primary chamber and to flow through the entire second surface area into the
secondary chamber, and
~~wherein the air-permeable panel is configured so that air flows through the surfaces of~~
~~the air-permeable panel that face the primary and secondary chambers, and~~
wherein at least one of the primary chamber and the secondary chamber comprises a
first panel, wherein the separation ~~air-permeable~~-panel has substantially the same shape as the
first panel.
2. (Original) The head-protecting airbag according to claim 1, wherein the head-
protecting airbag is configured to be inflatable over an in-vehicle lateral surface.
3. (Original) The head-protecting airbag according to claim 1, wherein the primary
chamber is configured to be inflated by gas discharged from a gas generator.
4. (Original) The head-protecting airbag according to claim 1, wherein the secondary
chamber is configured to be inflated by gas transferred from the primary chamber.
5. (Currently Amended) The head-protecting airbag according to claim 1, wherein
the secondary chamber is configured to be inflated by gas passing through the separation ~~air-~~
~~permeable~~-panel.

6. (Currently Amended) The head-protecting airbag according to claim 1, further comprising:

a second panel;

wherein the separation ~~air-permeable~~-panel is disposed between the first panel and the second panel.

7. (Currently Amended) The head-protecting airbag according to claim 6, wherein the primary chamber is defined by the first panel and the separation ~~air-permeable~~-panel.

8. (Currently Amended) The head-protecting airbag according to claim 7, wherein the primary chamber includes a pair of cells formed by a connection between the separation ~~air-permeable~~-panel and the first panel.

9. (Currently Amended) The head-protecting airbag according to claim 6, wherein the secondary chamber is defined by the second panel and the separation ~~air-permeable~~-panel.

10. (Withdrawn) The head-protecting airbag according to claim 6, wherein the primary chamber is defined by the first panel, the second panel, and the air-permeable panel.

11. (Withdrawn) The head-protecting airbag according to claim 10, wherein the secondary chamber is defined by the first panel, the second panel, and the air-permeable panel.

12. (Withdrawn) The head-protecting airbag according to claim 11, wherein the primary chamber is disposed above the secondary chamber.

13. (Currently Amended) The head-protecting airbag according to claim 6, wherein the primary chamber is defined by the first panel and the separation ~~air-permeable~~-panel and the secondary chamber is defined by the second panel and the separation ~~air-permeable~~-panel;

wherein the separation ~~air-permeable~~-panel includes a periphery portion and an interior portion; and

wherein a portion of the interior portion of the separation ~~air-permeable~~-panel is connected to the first panel to thereby form a pair of cells.

14. (Previously Presented) The head-protecting airbag according to claim 1, wherein the first panel is adjacent to a vehicle body and a second panel is adjacent to a vehicle cabin.

15. (Currently Amended) The head-protecting airbag according to claim 14, wherein the separation air-permeable is connected to the first panel and the second panel to thereby form the primary chamber and the secondary chamber.

16. (Withdrawn) The head-protecting airbag according to claim 15, wherein the primary chamber is disposed above the secondary chamber.

17. (Currently Amended) A head-protecting airbag device comprising:

an airbag, wherein the airbag includes a primary chamber, a secondary chamber, and a separation an-air-permeable panel separating the primary chamber and the secondary chamber; and

a gas generating apparatus configured to generate gas to inflate the airbag,

wherein the separation panel includes a first surface area exposed to the primary chamber and a second surface area exposed to the secondary chamber,

wherein the separation panel is configured to permit air to enter the entire first surface area from the primary chamber and to flow through the entire second surface area into the secondary chamber, and

wherein the air-permeable panel is configured so that air flows through the surfaces of the air-permeable panel that face the primary and secondary chambers, and

wherein at least one of the primary chamber and the secondary chamber comprises a first panel, wherein the separation air-permeable panel has substantially the same shape as the first panel.

18. (Currently Amended) An airbag for a vehicle comprising:

a cabin side panel;

a body side panel; and

a separation an-air-permeable panel positioned between the cabin side panel and the body side panel to thereby form a primary chamber bounded by the body side panel and the separation air-permeable panel and a secondary chamber bounded by the cabin side panel and the separation air-permeable panel,

wherein the separation panel includes a first surface area exposed to the primary chamber and a second surface area exposed to the secondary chamber,

wherein the separation panel is configured to permit air to enter the entire first surface area from the primary chamber and to flow through the entire second surface area into the secondary chamber, and

~~wherein the air permeable panel is configured so that air flows through the surfaces of the air permeable panel that face the primary and secondary chambers, and~~

wherein the separation ~~air permeable~~ panel has substantially the same shape as at least one of the cabin side panel and the body side panel.

19. (Currently Amended) The airbag for a vehicle of claim 18, wherein the primary chamber includes a pair of cells separated by a connection between the separation ~~air permeable~~ panel and the body side panel.

20. (Currently Amended) An airbag for a vehicle comprising:

a cabin side panel;

a body side panel; and

an air permeable panel positioned between the cabin side panel and the body side panel to thereby form a primary chamber bounded by the ~~body~~ cabin side panel and the air permeable panel and a secondary chamber bounded by the ~~cabin~~ body side panel and the air permeable panel;

wherein the primary chamber includes a pair of cells separated by a connection between the air permeable panel and the ~~body~~ cabin side panel.

21. (Withdrawn) An airbag for a vehicle comprising:

a cabin side panel;

a body side panel; and

an air permeable panel positioned between the cabin side panel and the body side panel to thereby form a primary chamber bounded by the body side panel, the cabin side panel, and the air permeable panel and a secondary chamber bounded by the body side panel, the cabin side panel, and the air permeable panel.

22. (Withdrawn) The airbag for a vehicle of claim 21, wherein the primary chamber is positioned above the secondary chamber.